I travel alot and XM radio provieds me with variety and quality of programming that is not available many of the places I go. Additionaly I rely on the traffic and weather information I can get on XM radio to adjust my trip while in route to ensure the safest route. It is often difficult to impossible to locate wetaher and traffic channels for each city as I am approaching it in time to obtain useful information. Local stations are only of use if you are local, know the channels already, and are familiar with the quality of their programming. With XM radio I do not have to fret about reliability of info or locating the info I need.